

HOUSE RESOLUTION 213  
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Ryan Hancock of Fairview Junior High School on winning the WDIA 2000 Davis Brothers Black History Challenge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment, have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Hancock and the other members of the Fairview Junior High Team at the WDIA 2000 Davis Brothers Black History Challenge are one such exceptional group of students; and

WHEREAS, comprised of students 13-15 years of age, the team captured first place in the History Challenge during rigorous competition at the Pink Palace Museum; and

WHEREAS, eight schools competed in the challenge, with the final competition being held on March 17, 2000; and

WHEREAS, ninth-grader Ryan Hancock, astutely served as the team captain; the team also included Candace Bolden, Shana Long, and alternate team member, Tarris Smoot; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during competition, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Ryan Hancock has achieved incredible success, and has joined the ranks of Tennessee's and our nation's elite students; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their amazing performance at the competition, Ryan and his championship team received all-expense-paid trips to Nashville to observe the Tennessee State Legislature and to Atlanta, Georgia to visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, Ryan's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lowery and Lucille Williams selflessly donated their time and talents to sponsor Ryan and his teammates at the competition; and

WHEREAS, the competition was graciously sponsored by Northwest Airlines, Union Planters Bank, the WDIA Goodwill Fund, and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, serving as guest judges for the competition were WKNO's "Mr. Chuck" and former WDIA general manager, Chuck Scruggs, Councilwomen Barbara Swearengen Holt and Tajuan Stout Mitchell, and Tony Jones of the *Tri-State Defender*; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Hancock's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and congratulate these exemplary students on their many accomplishments; their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby applaud and congratulate Ryan Hancock of Fairview Junior High School for his win at the WDIA 2000 Davis

Brothers Black History Challenge and wish him all the best in what we are confident will be a successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.